

C. Remarks

The claims are 15-24, with claims 15 and 22 being independent. These claims have been added in lieu of claims 1-14, which have been cancelled. Support for the new claims may be found, inter alia, in Ex. Comp. Nos. 1 (Example 2), 25, 37 (Example 1), 161-164, 231-235 and 700, as well as in Formulas (42) and (44)-(46) on page 24 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the claims is expressly requested.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite.

Since claims 1-14 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious from, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/019782 A1 (Igarashi). Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious from, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0068190 A1 (Tsuboyama). Claims 1, 5-10, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious from U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0034656 A1 (Thompson).

Without acquiescence, and solely to expedite prosecution, claims 1-14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the above rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

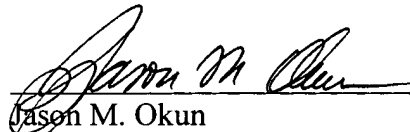
Applicants submit that new claims 15-24 are patentable over the art of record. These claims recite specific structures, which are not believed to be either

disclosed or suggested by either Igarashi, Tsuboyama or Thompson, whether these documents are considered separately or in any combination (if such is proper).

Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request that the new claims be allowed and the present case be passed to issue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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